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TOPIC	Soviet Army Installations in the Biesenthal Area		
EVALUATION		PLACE OBTAINED	
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DATE OBTAINED		DATE PREPARED	15 November 1954
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1. In early September, the air force ammunition depot in Vorwerk Biesenthal was occupied by 1 lieutenant colonel as commander, 6 officers including 3 who wore black-bordered blue epaulets, 2 who wore red-bordered black epaulets and one who wore red-bordered crimson epaulets and 200 EM who wore black-bordered blue epaulets. Trucks [redacted] and fire engine [redacted] belonged to the installation. A railroad siding led to the eastern section of the depot from the north. 1
2. On 21 and 27 August 1954, approximately 130 x 120-mm mortars and approximately 30 to 40 x 85-mm AT guns were parked at the Soviet ordnance park near Biesenthal railroad station. On the afternoon of 31 August, however, only 1 AT gun, a large pile of barrels, wheels protective shields, other spare parts, 10 large piles of empty ammunition boxes, 8 to 10 small tents for 12 men each and 3 large tents for 24 men each were observed there. Much activity was noticed at the depot. 2
3. On 8 and 10 September, it was learned that all mortars and other artillery pieces except for 5 x 85-mm AT guns were hauled away from the Soviet ordnance depot at Biesenthal. 2
4. On 26 September, no guns and mortars were seen at the ordnance park in Biesenthal. From 250 to 300 boxes were piled up there. The largest boxes measured about 120 x 120 x 80 cm. 2
5. In late September, 5 light guns of about 50 mm, 3 rocket launchers and 15 to 20 carriages for medium mortars stood at the Soviet ordnance depot in Biesenthal. There was little activity during the last month. 2
6. The following is a list of Soviet rail shipments which arrived at, or were dispatched from the ordnance depot, fuel depot and clothing factory in Biesenthal in August and September:

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Shipment</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
3 August	19 B with undetermined load	Templin	Biesenthal;
7 August	2 B with military goods; 27 tons	Fuerstenwalde	Biesenthal;
22 August	4 B with boxes; 42 tons	Jueterbog	Biesenthal;
29 August	2 B with boxes; 21 tons	Biesenthal;	Fuerstenwalde
	22 F with 44 x 85-mm AT guns; 6 B with ammunition boxes;	Biesenthal;	Jueterbog-Altes Lager
30 August	20 F with about 80 x 120-mm mortars, 7 F with about 25 x 80-mm mortars;	Biesenthal	Jueterbog-Altes Lager
4 September	1 B with boxes	Biesenthal;	Jueterbog-Altes Lager
8 September	1 B with boxes; 10 tons	Biesenthal;	Vogelsang

Fuel Depot.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Shipment</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
5 August	4 T with fuel	116	Templin	Biesenthal;
	4 T with fuel	86	Berlin-Schoeneweide	"
1-31 August	3 B with barrels	11	Velten,	"
	6 T with fuel	99	Velten	"
	14 T with fuel	267	Grosskorbetha	"
	2 T with fuel	34	Frankfurt/Oder	"
	2 B with fuel	22	Albstrelitz	"
12 August	2 T with fuel	31	Dresden, harbor	"
28 August	2 T with fuel	34	Albstrelitz	"
1 September	1 T with fuel	17	Satzkorn	"
3 September	2 B with barrels	20	Vogelsang.	"
1-30 September	6 T with fuel	91	Albstrelitz	"
	6 B with barrels	27	Albstrelitz	"
	7 T with fuel	105	Grosskorbetha	"
	4 T with fuel	64	Velten.	"
12 September	2 T with fuel	32	Radensleben	"
25 September	2 G with barrels	24	Parachim	"
5 and 24 August	4 B with fuel in barrels	28	Biesenthal.	Satzkorn.

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20 August	2 B with fuel in barrels	14	Biesenthal	Lieberose	25X1
7 and 12 August	5 B with fuel in barrels	27	"	Vogelsang	25X1
	1 T with fuel	15			
9 August	2 T with fuel	15	"	Jueterbog	
21 August	1 T with fuel	13	"	Oranienburg	25X1
6 and 26 August	2 B with barrels	23	"	Radensleben	
10 and 21 August	5 B with fuel	32	"	Riesa	25X1
	1 T with fuel	12			
14 and 18 August	5 B with fuel	31	"	Altstrelitz	
	2 B with fuel	16			
16 August	2 T with fuel	26	"	Velten	25X1
3 September	5 T with fuel	66	"	Velten	25X1
8 September	1 T with fuel	17	"	Prenzlau	
10 and 28 September	1 T with fuel	16	"	Satzkorn	
	1 F with barrels	10			
11 and 25 September	1 T with fuel	16	"	Berkenbrueck	
	2 F with barrels	14			
11 September	1 T with fuel	16	"	Radensleben	
14 and 23 September	1 T with fuel	13	"	Vogelsang	
	1 G with barrels	10			
21 September	2 T with fuel	28	"	Altstrelitz	3

Clothing Factory.

2 August	6 B with clothing	Rosengarten	Biesenthal, VEB	25X1
8 August	2 B with clothing	"	"	
24 August	1 B with clothing	"	"	
23 August	2 B with repaired clothing	Biesenthal	Rosengarten	25X1
7 September	1 B with repaired clothing	"	"	
16 September	1 B with repaired clothing	"	"	
24 September	1 B with repaired clothing	"	Koenigsborn	25X1
9 September	1 B with clothing	Rosengarten	Biesenthal, VEB	4 25X1

7. trucks were observed at the fuel depot in Biesenthal 25X1

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1. Comment. The report confirms the ammunition depot of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army in Biesenthal - Vorwerk until September 1954. The occupation by 200 soldiers is considered too high. The trucks belong to the depot administration. For a sketch of the installation, see Annex. 25X1
2. Comment. Since the end of 1953, a large number of artillery pieces and mortars has been assembled at the ordnance depot of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army near the Biesenthal railroad station. It is believed that the exchange of weapons which was observed during several months was completed in late August 1954. The shipping of 85-mm AT guns from Biesenthal to Jueterbog cannot be determined. The caliber was possibly confused with 76.2 mm or 54 mm calibers which probably could have been shipped to the GSFG ordnance depot. The consignee of the 12 mortars from Jueterbog-Altes Lager has not been identified. 25X1
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4. Comment. Traffic between the GSFG clothing depot and the VEB clothing factory in Biesenthal was previously reported. 25X1

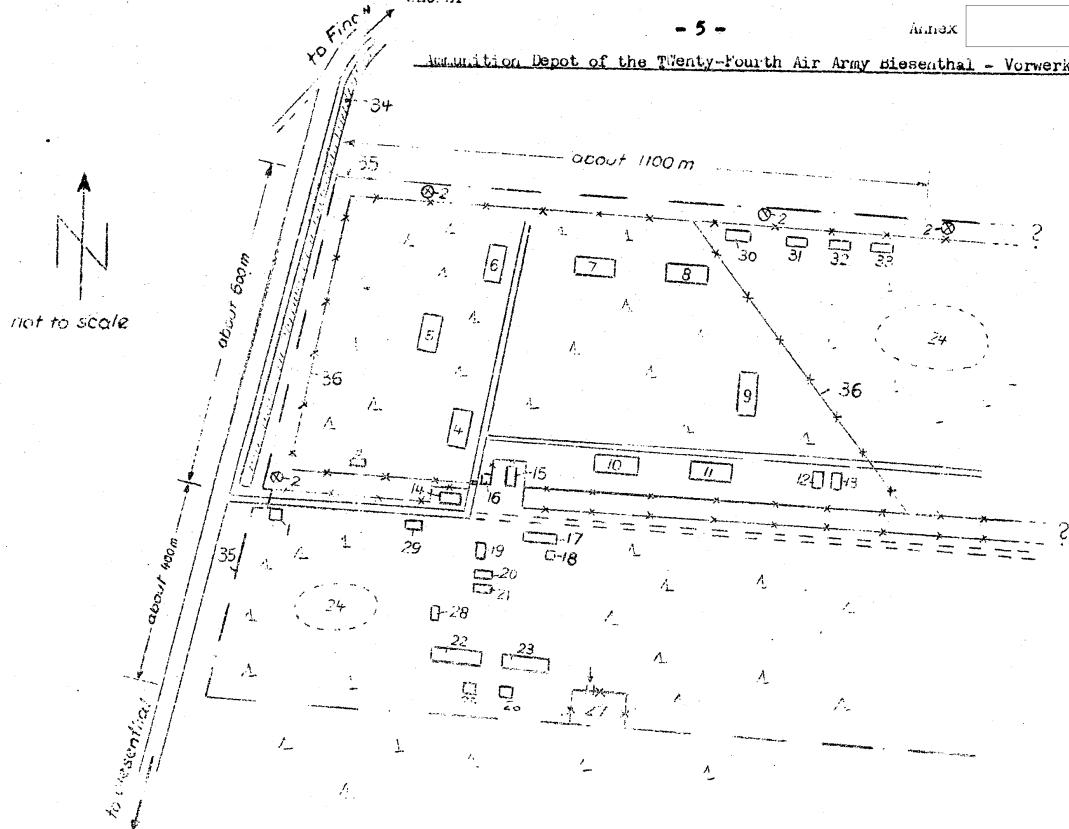
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Annex

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Ammunition Depot of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army Biesenthal - Vorwerk



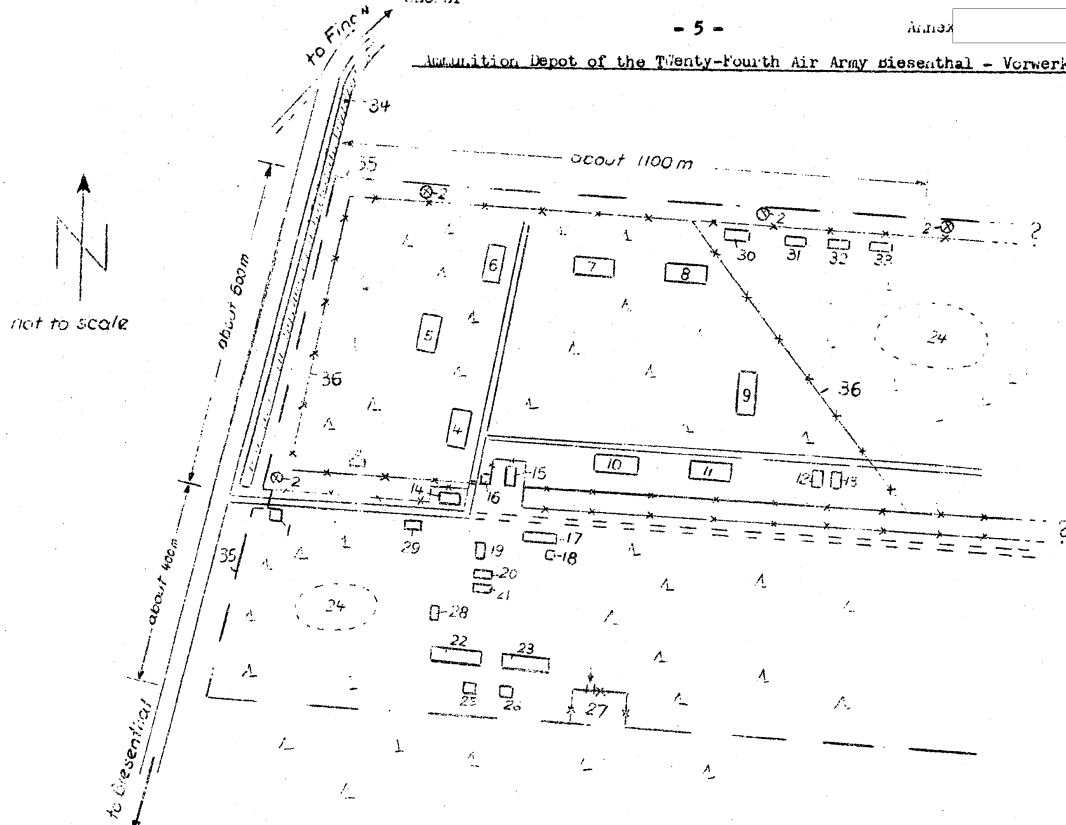
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Ammunition Depot of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army Biesenthal - Vorwerk



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Annex

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 25X1Legend.

- 1 - Wooden guardhouse, 2.50 x 2.50 meters, with a sentry wearing black-bordered blue epaulets
- 2 - Observation towers
- 3 - Single-story brick building, 15 x 8 meters, with a cardboard roof, probably used as ammunition storeroom. About 30 boxes measuring 60 x 40 x 20 cm each were piled up near the building
- 4 - Ammunition building, about 75 x 40 x 12 meters, with a roof of 3,200 square meters, and a large sliding gate, similar to those of a hangar, on each side wall. On 27 August 1954, about 10 ammunition boxes were loaded on truck . A box of 120 x 60 x 30 cm was lifted by four soldiers
- 5 - A building similar to item No 4 which was probably used for the storage of ammunition
- 6 - A building similar to item No 4 probably with ammunition
- 7 - A building similar to item No 4 probably with ammunition
- 8 - A building similar to item No 4 probably with ammunition
- 9 - An empty building similar to item No 4 probably used for the storage of ammunition
- 10 - A building similar to item No 4 probably with two mobile cranes
- 11 - A building similar to item No 4 probably with ammunition
- 12 - Ammunition building, about 20 x 10 meters, with a cardboard roof. On 3 and 4 September 1954, trucks hauled about 200 boxes with bombs from the feeding line in the northwestern corner of the installation to the building
- 13 - Ammunition building similar to item No 2 where boxes with bombs were also stored on 3 and 4 September
- 14 - Wooden building, about 10 x 4 meters, used as quarters by the commanding officer
- 15 - Main guardhouse with an office, 12 x 4 meters
- 16 - Wooden guardhouse, 2.50 x 2.50 meters, with a doorkeeper
- 17 - Kennel with 8 German shepherd dogs
- 18 - A kitchen for dogs' food
- 19 - Single-story brick building with tiled roof, about 18 x 10 meters, still under construction as main guardhouse with three detention rooms
- 20 - Wooden building, 10 x 8 meters, with cardboard roof, used as quarters for an officer with dependents
- 21 - Wooden building, 10 x 8 meters, with cardboard roof, used as officers' quarters
- 22 - Wooden building, about 70 x 20 meters, with 20 windows on the side-wall, used as troop quarters.
- 23 - wooden building similar to item No 22, used as troop quarters and kitchen
- 24 - Underground bunker
- 25 - Wooden building with shower room
- 26 - Wooden building with Finnish bath
- 27 - Fenced in parking lot for motor vehicles

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- 28 - Brick garage, 10 x 8 meters, with fire engine
- 29 - Semi-underground ammunition bunker. Two soldiers, each carrying an ammunition box of 40 x 30 x 20 cm, were seen
- 30 - Wooden building, 10 x 8 meters, probably a guardhouse. An officer and three soldiers were seen
- 31 - Wooden building, 25 x 12 meters, with boarded windows
- 32 - Wooden building similar to item No 31
- 33 - Wooden building similar to item 31
- 34 - Concrete road
- 35 - Wooden fence
- 36 - Wire fence

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